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In re Application of:	Fritz Schwertfeger	Examiner:	Kirsten Jolley
U.S. Serial No.:	09/308,770	Group Art Unit:	1762
Filed:	October 28, 1999	Confirmation No.	6628
For:	METHOD FOR PRODUCING ORGANICALLY MODIFIED, PERMANENTLY HYDROPHOBIC AEROGELS		

Commissioner for Patents,
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2006, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.